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Dear Sir:

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Specification:

Please revise the first full paragraph beginning on line 6, page 12, to read as follows:

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The present invention provides isolated nucleic acids comprising nucleotide sequences which encode the amino acid sequences set forth in SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 30, 32, 34, 40, 42, 44, and 46. In particular embodiments, the invention provides nucleic acids comprising the nucleotide sequences set forth in SEQ ID NOS:1(*Cry1218-1* CDS) and 3 (*Cry1218-2* CDS), the maize-optimized nucleic acid set forth in SEQ ID NO:9 (mo1218-1), and the native genomic sequences set forth in SEQ ID NO:27 (genomic *Cry1218-1*) and SEQ ID NO:28 (genomic *Cry 1218-2*). The coding sequence (CDS) for SEQ ID NO: 27 runs from base pair 731-4348. The CDS for SEQ ID NO: 28 runs from base pair 1254-4883. Plasmids comprising each of these five nucleic acids were deposited on May 5, 2000 and October 20, 2000 with the Patent Depository of the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), Manassas, Virginia, and assigned Patent Deposit Nos. PTA-1821 (corresponding to SEQ ID NO:1); PTA-